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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner,
Food and Drug Administration (HF-I)
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Dear Jane Henney,

I am aware of the looming public health crisis regarding the failing of antibiotics to treat what are considered to be manageable diseases and illnesses. The diseases becoming untreatable are due to the overuse of drugs, not only in prescriptions but in the livestock industry, which uses antibiotics to both treat diseases and to promote growth in hogs, cows, and chickens.

I urge you to adopt the position of the World Health Organization- recommending a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth. If the United States adopted this position, human resistance to certain antibiotics may not continue to be so strong.

I fully support the Center for Science in Public Interest petition to the Food and Drug Administration to withdraw approvals for the use of medically important antibiotics to promote growth in animals; there are other alternatives to produce safe meat at reasonable price. The withdrawal of the drugs for growth promotion would still allow the use of antibiotics for sick animals. I hope that you will support the petition.

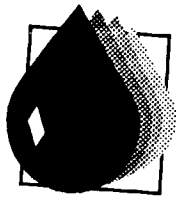
Sincerely,

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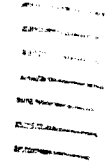
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